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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2810**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Emanuele Confalonieri et al.
Application No. : 10/161,053
Filed : May 30, 2002
For : OUTPUT BUFFER FOR A NONVOLATILE MEMORY WITH
OUTPUT SIGNAL SWITCHING NOISE REDUCTION, AND
NONVOLATILE MEMORY COMPRISING THE SAME

Examiner : Son Luu Mai
Art Unit : 2818
Docket No. : 854063.695
Date : January 22, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

*Entry is approved by Examiner -
grl 02/04/04*

QA WEEKLY REPORT

Week ending 03/13/04

This week's Team Performance Report shows that there was improvement in the error rates and overall performance percentages from last week – from 99.4% to 99.5%. This is an encouraging trend.

The production numbers and error rating for last week are compared to this week's numbers in the following chart:

	3/06/04		3/13/04	
	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT
# Cases	2044	4436	2946	5270
# Pages	481553	593893	738773	659782
Error Average	1.19	2.53	1.52	3.03
Average % Correct	99.5	99.3	99.5	99.5

As can be seen from the table above, production for both Day Shift and Night Shift increased over the week enough that, even with an increase of the Error Average (total number of errors per shift averaged over all the teams) for both shifts, the Day Shift was able to hold a 99.5% Correct rating, while Night Shift actually increased from a 99.3% to 99.5% Correct rating.

For the week of 3/13/04, Teams 13 and 32 did not have any Team Performance errors reported, therefore, achieved a 100% Correct rating. This is the second week in a row Team 13 has achieved a 100% Correct rating. All teams have again exceeded the 97% correct rating, with the closest being Team 15 with a 98% rating.

TYPES OF ERROR:

The types of errors being captured, due to the error code charts, are getting more defined, therefore it is highly recommended that every team with collected errors on the Team Performance or Indexer Performance reports come to the QA Office to see the supporting paperwork.

As usual, the primary errors collected are the same as last week; namely the following:

- a. Miscount
- b. Duplex as simplex
- c. Indexed documents missing pages
- d. Wrong doc. Codes
- e. Misplacing order
- f. No batch transfer
- g. Missing package/cover sheets

But a couple of new error code captures were also noted – like the case of Follow-on documents being indexed as normal Backfile (new error code 5j). Because of this and other inputs, revised error code charts will be issued by 3/19/04.

Should any team have a question on any or all of the Reports, please contact Tek or me.

Thanks for the support. As R. Lee Ermey would say, "Carry on".

Michael Tilton
QA Manager